

***Amendments to the Claims***

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application.

Claims 1-15 (cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for driving and steering a vehicle comprising:

a first transmission drivingly interposed between a prime mover and a pair of left and right drive wheels so as to drive said pair of left and right drive wheels in the same direction;

a reversing operation device operatively connected to said first transmission so as to switch an output rotational direction of said first transmission between opposite directions, thereby setting either a forward or a backward driving direction of said pair of left and right drive wheels;

a second transmission drivingly interposed between said prime mover and said pair of left and right drive wheels so as to differentially drive said pair of left and right drive wheels; and

a steering operation device which is shiftable in either a left turning range between a straight traveling position and a full left turning position or a right turning range between said straight traveling position and a full right turning position, said steering operation device being operatively connected to said second transmission so as to steplessly increase output rotational speed of said second transmission during the shift of said steering operation device in either said left or right turning range from said straight traveling position toward said full left or right turning position, wherein the

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